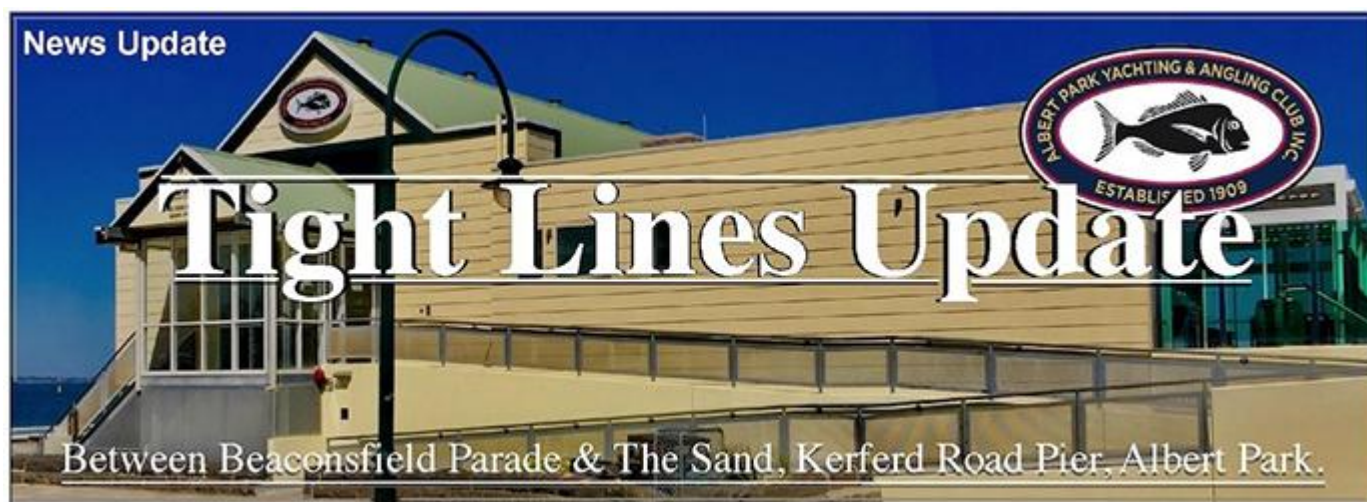


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**Wednesday 26th March - Tuesday 15th April 2025**

## Recent and upcoming events.

On the Saturday night of the Grand Prix we suffered a power outage. While CitiPower has not provided a clear explanation, they've attributed the issue to extreme weather conditions and high-power demand throughout Albert Park, including the Grand Prix, which appears to have caused our fuse to trip. We understand how frustrating this was and sincerely apologise for the inconvenience caused. Thanks to all whose evening was cut short.

Please rest assured that we've implemented additional measures and processes to prevent this from happening again.

We're also excited to welcome *My Girlfriend Sheryl* back in May to finish their set!

Don't miss out on this **Saturday night's event, March 29 at 7 p.m.** If you enjoyed the Boathouse cocktail nights, get your tickets now for the *Black Tie Affair!* For just \$65, this elegant evening includes three hours of gourmet canapés, a complimentary drink, immersive entertainment, live music, and a free wine tasting experience.

As part of the festivities, you'll have the chance to win one of three extravagant premium prizes, each valued at over \$300! This is a great opportunity to mingle with committee, members and fellow guests while experiencing the best of what APYAC has to offer.

Don't be put off by the dress code - be stylish or have a bit of fun! Ties are not required.

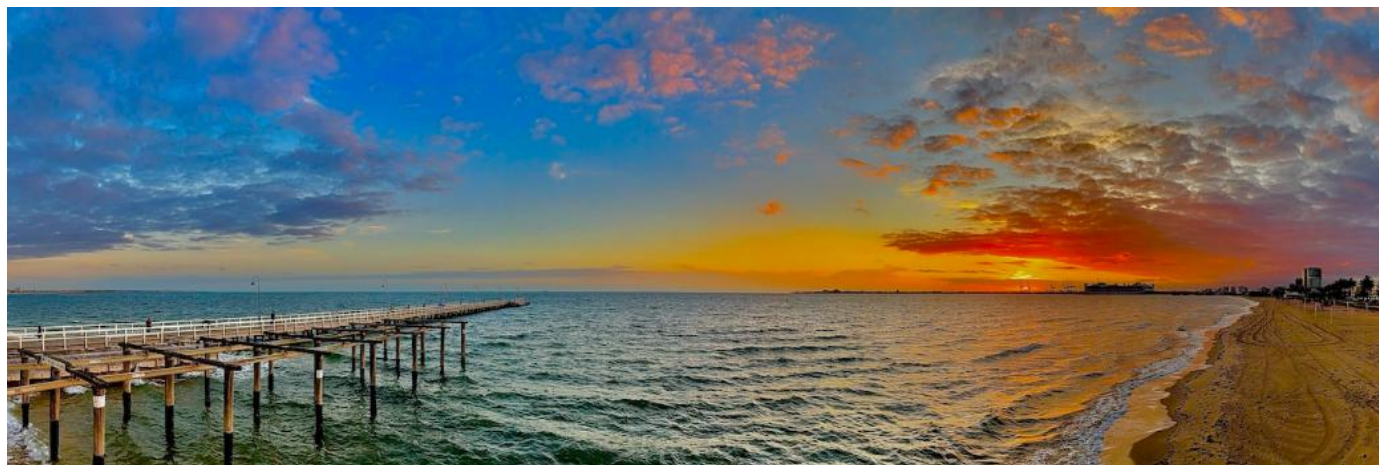
Purchase your tickets now and be part of this unforgettable evening!

**Just click here to go to the booking page.**

See you at the club,

Elise Thomas

Manager.



*Last Thursday the Sun set at True West. It's the Equinox! Next time the sun will set there will be on Monday 22nd September.*

## Happy Hour Thursdays.

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

7 p.m. \$1,000 Member's Draw!

It only spins once on Thursdays. To win, you must be present, and financial. When your name comes up, you must claim the prize within one minute.

## Friday night at the Club.

The Member's Draw prize pool rolls at 7.30 p.m. sharp, and is \$1,600 for the 28th of March.

To win, the member must be present, and financial. When their name comes up, they must claim it within one minute. If not claimed, the jackpot increases by \$100 each week until won. The following Members missed out on claiming their prize last Friday night: *Kristine Banks-Smith, Felix Takach, and Katrina Schlicht.*

### Weekly Raffle

Tickets are sold in the hour prior to the Member's Draw and the raffle is drawn soon after.

Five Prizes up for grabs:

- The Meats Tray, from *Kirkpatrick's Meats.*
- Mumm Champagne.
- A \$70 bar voucher.
- A secret prize.
- Mystery Hamper.

Tickets: one for \$5, or six for \$20 (EFT only).

Be nice to our Volunteers on the door and selling raffle tickets.

If you wish to stay for a meal, please make sure you book a table by **clicking the link here.**

*Reminder: When making a reservation for dining it is expected you order within 30 mins of your booking time and all meals must be ordered before 8:30 p.m. Thank you.*

## Saturday night dining every week.\*

**NOT THIS WEEKEND - CLUB CLOSING AT 4 P.M. FOR THE BLACK TIE FUNCTION.**

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. HAPPY HOUR\*\*

Selected Wines &amp; Beers at \$4 a glass!

Full Dinner menu available.

Book your table **by clicking here.**

Please note you will be directed to the website, and need to log into your portal, or use the App.

If there are no bookings or demand, the venue may close early.

**\* Unless a function is being held.**

\*\* Happy Hour 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. EVERY Saturday (except when closed early for functions)

## Sunday Breakfast.

**Sundays 9 - 11 a.m.**

The Club will open for Sunday Breakfast as a trial during summer. We hope you can come and check it out.

Eggs two ways, scrambled or poached, and extras available.

**Eggs on toast** - Fluffy scrambled eggs on toasted sourdough toast \$18**Bacon and eggs** - Chargrilled bacon served with eggs on toast \$22**Salmon and avocado** - Scrambled eggs with smoked salmon \$26**Big Brekky** - Eggs, bacon, tomato, mushrooms, spinach, hash-brown \$28


Complimentary arrival beverage, gourmet canapes, immersive entertainment & live music, wine tasting, exclusive event-only cocktails, & a mystery prize!

*A Black-Tie Affair*

Dress to impress (think black tie) and let yourself be swept away by a night of magic music, and elegance!

**Saturday 29 March**  
**7 p.m.**  
**\$65**  
**BOOK NOW**  
Limited tickets available

## Black Tie Affair

### LAST CHANCE TO BOOK TICKETS

**7 p.m. Saturday 29 March**

Dress to impress (think black tie) and let yourself be swept away by a night of magic, music, and elegance!

Step into a world of glamour, intrigue, and unforgettable moments at APYAC's most lavish night yet!

### AN EVENING OF DELIGHTS

A complimentary arrival beverage, gourmet canapés, immersive entertainment, live music, exclusive event-only cocktails, wine tasting &amp; a mystery prize!

BOOK NOW - Limited Tickets - Click below

[tinyurl.com/BlackTieAffair2025](https://tinyurl.com/BlackTieAffair2025)

## General Meeting - Wednesday 2nd April.

**Wednesday 2nd April 7 p.m.**

Minutes of previous General Meeting already on the Noticeboard.

Updates and reports: President, Treasurer, Operations, Boathouse, &amp; Sub-Committees, Members Q&amp;A to the Club Committee.

Guest Speaker: **Daniel Webster** from Fishcare Victoria.

Bar opens at 6 p.m. - snacks after the meeting.

*All are welcome.*

## Child Supervision & Safety.

We love seeing families at the Club, but we kindly remind all parents and guardians that children must always be supervised.

On Friday and Saturday nights, we've noticed an increasing issue with unsupervised children, especially around doorways. To ensure everyone's safety, please:

- ✓ Assist YOUR children at the doors to prevent accidents.
- ✓ Ensure they are always wearing shoes.
- ✓ Remind them to follow Club rules.



## APYAC Mixed Fishing Charter

**Sunday 13th April 2025**

Time: 5:45 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Cost: \$75

[Half price as an APYAC subsidised event for Members - you are required to volunteer for raffle/or door duty on a Friday night].

Members only, no guests or waitlist members.

**Book here:** <https://www.trybooking.com/CYIIN>

Boat leaves St Kilda Marina at 6 a.m. sharp.

Wait at the wooden benches midway next to the Marina for roll call - we board together.

Only 12 spots. Breakfast BBQ - (Dietary requirements cannot be catered for) / BYO drinks including alcohol - no eskies / two staff (they will assist anyone who has not fished before with bait etc.) / Bait and rods supplied / Toilet on board / Check weather / Dress appropriately incl. headwear / 3 prizes will be awarded on the day / Brag mats onboard / **Check SMS updates before you leave home.**

Victorian Fishing Licenses required - 18-70 years of age. Buy your licence **by clicking here**. Seniors card holders exempt.

Queries? **Olga Harradine**

## Angler's Kitchen Specials.

**Crumbed sardines** - balsamic tomato and onion salsa, lemon, olives \$24

**Risotto** - mussels ragu, bisque, chilli, Grana Padano, grilled zucchini & wild rocket salad \$32

**Lamb rump** - Paris mash potato, braised red cabbage, pancetta, rosemary jus \$38

**Mixed berry semifreddo** ice-cream and biscuit crumb \$14

Check out the menu **HERE**.

BOOKINGS: call 9690 5530 or **Click HERE** to make a booking.

*Although Tight Lines is circulated to all, please understand that if you are still on the waitlist you are not officially a member, thus cannot book for Club functions or Anglers Restaurant Bookings until your membership is approved. Thanks for your understanding.*

**Aprils' Wines of the Month**

**'THE ST HUGO DUO'**

**ST HUGO CHARDONNAY & ST HUGO GSM**

White nectarine along with yellow peach and citrus zest combined with notes of warm brioche. The vibrant palate offers a lovely balance of lemon juice and grapefruit with an alluring textural component and toasted hazelnuts and finishing with vibrant, mouth-watering acidity.

A gorgeous straw hue and vibrant palate, featuring a blend of lemon zest with white nectarine and nougat, make this wine unmissable. With such an intense palate, notes of lime and white pepper, and the inevitable salivating from the taut acidity, immediate drinking will be unavoidable.

**\$45 PER BOTTLE**

The winemakers at St Hugo have selected the premier examples of their low yielding Grenache, Shiraz and Mataro vines to make this full bodied, and delightfully plush wine. The nose is beautifully aromatic, floral notes are nicely balanced by rich Turkish delight. On the palate, ripe fruit notes and subtle oak are beautifully hung of rich and fine tannin. Raspberry and blackberry are balanced perfectly with earthier and oaken notes, ending with gentle notes of raisins and almonds. This is a dangerously easy wine to drink and perfectly highlights the capability of the Barossa Valley to produce stunning, lighter red wines.

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10% Sunday Surcharge & 15% Public Holiday Surcharge Applies

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## President's Report.

### INSPIRED BY A LIFE WELL LIVED

Just when the caterpillar thought the world was over, it became a butterfly!

At our last *Melbourne Business Network Lunch*, we had the privilege of hearing from the incredible **David Talalla** --a man who has truly lived every day to the fullest. Born in Malaysia and finding his way in Australia, David's journey began with a simple act of kindness: a fellow six year old told him that he should learn how to kick a footy if he wanted to fit in. That small moment shaped his life forever.

Years later, as his friend lay on his deathbed, David reminded him of those words, and they both shared a knowing laugh, proof that a single gesture can ripple through a lifetime.

David has kicked goals all over the world --as a lawyer, cricketer, referee, coach, mentor, and ambassador for inclusion in Australian sport. He was also the Match Referee at the SCG the day **Phillip Hughes** tragically lost his life. That moment reinforced a truth he already lived by: *"Always keep your eye on the ball."*

It also served as a reminder that, as **Layne Beachley** once said, *"You don't only live once, you live every day - you only die once."*

Rarely have I seen a room full of seasoned professionals moved to tears. Even the legendary **Simon Madden** was left speechless - *believe me, that never happens!*

So, what can we take from this? That kindness, connection, and camaraderie matter more than we realise.

Next time you're at APYAC, take a moment to reach out - introduce yourself to someone new, invite them to your table, or take them out for a fish. Our Club isn't just about angling; it's about mateship, community, and making lifelong memories.

If you want to be part of something special, join us for the next *Melbourne Business Network Lunch* - held every month, right here at your favourite place, APYAC. Who knows? One conversation might just change a life.

For further details contact our wonderful Secretary, Editor, and everyone's favourite Captain, **James Nixon**.

See you at the Club!

Lee

Lee Spyrou,

President.



## Volunteers needed.

### Friday Night Helpers Needed!

We are still seeking friendly and enthusiastic volunteers to assist on Friday nights.

We need help with:

- **Raffle Ticket Selling:** 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- **Door Wardens** 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet and connect with fellow members, contribute to the club's vibrant Friday night atmosphere, and enjoy being part of our welcoming community.

Gain a deeper sense of belonging and support the club you love!

No experience is necessary --just bring your smile and willingness to help. If you're interested or have any questions, please reach out by email to **apyac.volunteers @ gmail.com** with your preferred task, or let our Manager, Elise, know at the club.

Your support makes all the difference.

Barry Hayes,

Vice President.

P.S. Our Friday Night Raffle & Door Volunteer Roster has been updated and is ready for vacant positions to be filled. **Click this link** and add your name to the Volunteer Roster.

## Podcasts.

*James Nixon with Guests:*

**Travis Dowling** CEO of the Victorian Fishing Authority (VFA)

**Brian Wright** speaking about his friend, Warren Davey.

**Bob Pearce.**

**Mick Sass,**

**Chris Lockhart,**

**Phil Langdon,**

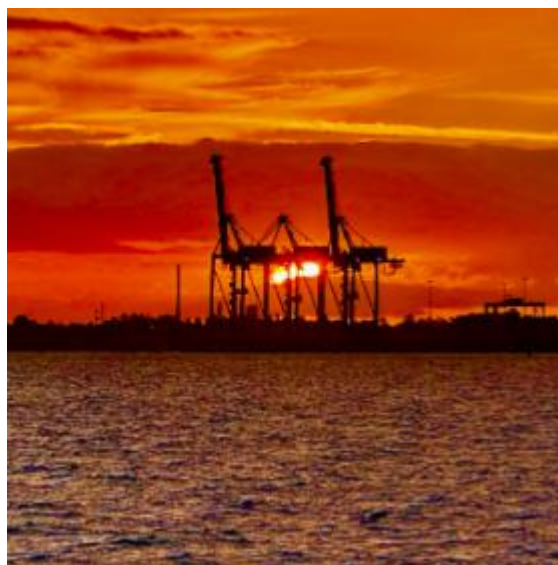
*New Committee members, **Stuart Cousins, Barry Hayes and Chris Herbert.***

*Plus*

**Bev Pinder & Lee Spyrou** (88.3 FM).

**Gavin McGrath & Lee Spyrou** (ABC Radio).

Check out APYAC's podcast page [here](#).



*Australia Day 2025 Clinker Boat Race --second across the line!*

## Email spam.

To reduce the amount of spam emails Information Technology experts recommend that we don't put linked email addresses in Tight Lines. In future we will write the email address, but leave gaps between the words. It is up to you to put them together. For example: **members @ apyac.org.au**

## Angling.

We finally had great weather for the club mixed charter on Sunday. I believe everyone landed fish, pinkies, flathead, and slimy mackerel. Unfortunately, no snapper large enough to go on the *Roland Nicholls Board*. Steve the skipper tried hard to find fish for us and provided a barbecue lunch. Everyone had a great time --11 anglers went out, and 11 came back!

Olga is running the next charter on Sunday morning April 13th. --the last one for this year-- keep an eye on Tight Lines for the booking details. While the weather beat us on a couple of charters, we were very pleased with patronage on the charters and we thank the club for picking-up half the cost.

We would like all charter anglers, and those wanting to join in next season, to volunteer for door or raffle duty at the Club, give **Admin** a call on **9690 5530** or **click here** and add your name. If we do not get volunteers for door or raffle duty the Club may not be so generous in future.

Our Snapper scoring system has not changed for 2025, a 43 cm snapper (our minimum size) now will be scored as 4.3 points, a 56 cm will be 5.6 points , a 87 cm fish 8.7 points and so on.

Anglers who buy bait from the club, and book it to your fob, please be sure there are funds on your fob to cover the cost of bait. We are getting more and more bait buyers who do not have enough money on their fobs. The Club is not a bank. Please fix this as we do not want to have to name and shame anglers.

'*Learn to Fly Fish*' was cancelled due to lack of numbers. *Hurley Fly Fishing* and *VFFA* will keep me informed when they can take anyone keen to lean Fly Fishing.

The weather has been great for boaters and anglers. The Bay water temperature is warm when it should be dropping (20.7 C top end of the bay 20.9 C Mid Bay, Ocean 19.4 C). This current hot spell has kept the Bay waters warm.

When the water temperature gets to 18 C there should be the second run of snapper up our end of the Bay. Some nice fish have been caught in the cooler deep water down the southern end of the bay towards Mt. Martha, and Dromana. Pinkies are on every reef area and can be a pain.

Whiting in any real numbers have not been caught from all the normal marks on the Club's side of the Bay, good bags of fish are being caught Altona, Kirks, St Leonards, Lara and Avalon. Keep moving until you find them. Pipis, fresh mussels and thin strips of squid are the best baits. The southern end of the bay is productive if you are able to travel.

Kingfish and squid are being caught in, and around, the Rip if you can go that far but watch the weather. Squid have been caught at Point Cook outside the marine sanctuary.

There are also a lot of Gars in the bay at present, they are worth a try. Australian Salmon in large schools are about, watch for bird action, snook and mackerel also about. One of our anglers caught a gummy at the warmies from the bank (well done Michael).

Give it a go but watch the weather and take care!



*Even if you've been fishing for 4 hours and haven't caught a thing but sunburn and heat stroke, you are still better off than the bait --Unknown*

*[ I am the Editor and I am running this quote again ... cracks me up! - Ed ]*

John Spragg



OPEN	FISH	POINTS	IN-HOUSE	FISH	POINTS
Mick Sass	47	353.9	Harry Tsoumbakos	26	232.2
Richard Muscat	47	331.8	Rob Raffa	10	84.4
Michael Briffa	45	289.6	John Cali	9	70.1
Tony Spinelli	29	216.4	Jake Smith	8	64.0
Alex Spyrou	13	90.6	Robert Pope	2	28.0
Lee Spyrou	11	80.5	Eddy Bernobich	4	27.5
Grant Ahearn	6	48.1	Colin McGregor	3	18.1
Mark Mercieca	6	40.7	Anthony Osborne	1	14.8
John Spragg	4	29.2	Neil Tabrah	2	13.5
Chantal Meehan	4	22.0			
Pauline Biffen	3	22.0			
Jack Mercieca	3	19.2			
Pat Hutchison	3	16.2			
Barb Griffen	3	14.9			
Ray Goddard	2	12.0			
Bob Snell	1	6.9			
Alex Cartel	1	6.0			
Alex Gillon	1	5.5			
Andre Cartel	15	45.3	Danny Vitkin	3	16.1
Tristan Sass	5	19.8	William Pope	1	14.0
Orlando Lumicisi	1	3.1	Heidi Osborne	1	11.6
			Henry Rudd	4	12.3
			Matthew Gowans	2	5.8
	<b>250</b>			<b>76</b>	

## APYAC Footy Tipping Competition

Well what a week of football!!

### Tip stars of the week

\***James Nixon** is our tip-star of the week picking 6, and playing his Joker, and notably picking the Saints. Very courageous and impressive. He scored 12 for the round.

[ *The Saints ALWAYS win at Docklands on Saturday nights - Ed* ]

\*We also saw Jokers played by Ewan (**Rachel Eaves**) and DMc (**David Mclellan**) who scored 10 and 8 for the round.

\*Our leaderboard for the end of Round 2 has James Nixon rocketing out in front with a 4 point lead over Rachel and David in second and third positions. *Of course James is a Hawks supporter so if the Hawks wobble, so will he.*

[ *NEVER tip against your team - Ed* ]

### Winners and losers

\*Even the most one eyed Saints supporters would have picked Geelong. So the big question is why the Saints can't play like that every week. That was mightily impressive against a strong Geelong side.

\*Courtesy of Singapore Airlines live TV, I have watched the Eagles twice in two weeks, not something I would normally do... After last week's match against the Suns when the Eagles were just awful, it would have been impossible to predict that the Eagles against Brisbane, at home, would open up a 30 point lead at one stage and be up at three quarter time. No one actually picked the Eagles. Where were those Eagles players last week in front of home fans?

\*Collingwood. The free kick tally seemed a bit out of whack. Bulldogs suppers can rightly feel a bit hard done by.

\*North. One match doesn't make a season...

\*Melbourne. This one match will define their season.

#### Trivia questions:

1. Prior to Seth Campbell last week, the last time a Richmond player celebrated in a match with a backflip was Peter Wilson in Round 12, 1988. Which team did the bottom of the ladder Tigers beat in that 1988 match? (a) Gold Coast (b) GWS (c) Carlton. **ANSWER (C)**
2. Last week GWS beat the Demons by 3 points. Does Melbourne have a fitness issue? GWS last week scored 34% of their points after the 25 minute mark of each quarter during their match. What percentage of Melbourne's total score last week across each quarter was after the 25 minute mark. (A) 10% (B) 9% (C) 4% **ANSWER (C)**
3. Excluding finals this year, how many more matches will Port Adelaide and GWS play at the MCG? (A) 2 (B) 1 (C) none **ANSWER (C)**
4. Murphy Reid's 4 goals in 6 minutes on debut last week was impressive. But in the last 25 years two players have scored 4 goals more quickly (not on debut). Which of these players scored 4 goals more quickly? (A) Buddy Franklin (B) Steve Johnson (C) Matthew Lloyd (D) Jack Riewoldt. **ANSWER (C) and (D)**

#### How did my smokie tip go?

There was a bit of enthusiasm amongst tip-stars for the Tigers after their miracle at the G against Carlton the week before - but that proved to be very wrong. Port Adelaide won by a hefty margin. Let's see how the Tiges go against S Kilda next week at Marvel.

Good tipping

Mike

Yellow (not Gold) and Black

MONTH	OPEN	IN-HOUSE	TOTAL	LONGEST FISH			LENGTH
SEPTEMBER	10	1	11	SNAPPER	IN	HARRY TSOUMBAKOS	84
OCTOBER	46	10	56		OPEN	MICHAEL SASS	90
NOVEMBER	114	59	173	FLATHEAD	IN	ROB RAFFA	56
DECEMBER	47	5	52		OPEN	MICK SASS	54
JANUARY	6	0	6	SHARK	IN	JOHN CALI	95
FEBRUARY	18	0	18		OPEN	MICK SASS	116
MARCH				1ST SNAPPER	IN	HARRY TSOUMBAKOS	51
APRIL					OPEN	MICHAEL BRIFFA	59
MAY				LAST SNAPPER	IN		
					OPEN		
				WHITING	IN	ROB RAFFA	41
					OPEN	MICHAEL BRIFFA / DANIEL KARIS	42
				WHITING BAG	IN		
					OPEN	M BRIFFA/M MERCEICA	8.575
				PIKE	IN	OLIVIER AVIAN	66
					IN	HARRY TSOUMBAKOS	67
				KINGFISH	IN		
					OPEN	PAULINE BIFFIN	99
				SALMON	IN	ANTHONY ZIMMERMAN	49
					OPEN	LEE SPYROU	46
				GARFISH	IN		
					OPEN	MARK MERCEICA	38
				JNR SALMON	IN		
					OPEN	ANDRE CARTEL	41
				JNR FLATHEAD	IN	WILL OSBORNE	44
					OPEN		
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>316</b>				

## Boathouse

### Boathouse Apron Alarm

To deter members of the public from congregating on the Boathouse apron after hours -often leaving rubbish- the alarm system has been upgraded as follows:

**Automatic Activation:** The alarm will now automatically activate at 10:30 p.m.

**Pulse Motion Detection:** The system allows up to eight motion pulses before sounding. This means if someone walks by, they will have approximately two minutes to exit the apron. If they linger, the alarm will sound.

**Automatic Deactivation:** The alarm will automatically switch off at 7 a.m each morning.

**Operational Schedule:** The alarm is active all day Monday.

**Manual Arm & Disarm:** A labelled switch is located near the roller door in the west aisle.

If you plan to use the Boathouse apron on Mondays, or between 10:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on other days, please familiarise yourself with the override switch. If you disarm the alarm, please re-arm it when finished.



## Hire Boats (1) - Propeller Guards

As part of the Club's ongoing commitment to safety and responsible boating, we've recently installed propeller guards on our hire boats.

They might not look like much, but these small devices offer big benefits, especially in a shared boating environment:

### Enhanced Safety

Prop guards significantly reduce the risk of injury from rotating propellers - particularly important where swimmers, beginners, or young crew may be nearby.

### Equipment Protection

Prop damage is a costly issue. Guards help protect against underwater obstacles and fouled fishing gear, which can otherwise result in the need to replace seals.

### Confidence for New Users

For less experienced skippers, knowing a prop guard is fitted provides peace of mind. While it's no substitute for good seamanship, it's a helpful backup.

Many thanks to John Edison for his efforts in sourcing and installing the guards.

## Hire Boats (2) - Hours of Operation

The Club's hire boats may be operated between sunrise and sunset. As daylight hours shorten, please note that until further notice, operation may commence no earlier than 7:30 a.m.



## Inductions

An induction and signed acknowledgement are required by anyone using:

- Boathouse hoists
- APYAC hire boat
- APYAC hire kayak

As we near the end of the angling / boating season, opportunities for induction will become limited.

If you wish to complete an induction, please contact **Ian Sekac** at [i.sekac@bigpond.com](mailto:i.sekac@bigpond.com) without delay. If there is sufficient interest, a session will be held in April. With key personnel unavailable during May, this may be your last opportunity for some time.

## Marine Licence Training - Final Reminder

Coast Guard St Kilda is conducting a Marine Licence Training course this Saturday, March 29th.

Upon successful completion, participants will be eligible to receive a Marine Licence from VicRoads.

For enquiries or to enrol, please contact: [captain@apyac.org.au](mailto:captain@apyac.org.au)

## New Boat Stands - A Game-Changer for Restoration

Many thanks to **Mick Silvestro** for his substantial effort in designing, fabricating, and welding the Club's new boat supports.

Designed for use with a hoist, these stands provide a stable, elevated platform that greatly simplifies vessel restoration and maintenance.

Key benefits include:

- Removing the need to turn boats upside down to work on the hull - a laborious task previously requiring multiple people.

- Eliminating the need to remove the motor
- Allowing vessels to be returned to storage at the end of each session, instead of occupying workshop space for extended periods

This is a big step forward for the Club's maintenance workflow - thanks again, Mick!

Please contact Ian Sekac at [i.sekac@bigpond.com](mailto:i.sekac@bigpond.com) or [captain@apyac.org.au](mailto:captain@apyac.org.au) if you would like to use these stands.

Stay safe on the water,

Stu

Stuart Cousins

Boathouse Captain.

## Restoration.

**Ian Sekac** is looking for a dedicated group of Volunteers to begin the hull restoration of *PA25*. They start next Tuesday.

This particular clinker boat has a unique history with our Club. It was built by a **Mr Richard Williams** circa 1940's and has been in the Langdon family for many years. The cost to **David Langdon** was 350 Pounds. The Langdons, David and son Phil, were both long term Presidents and are a cherished part of our rich history.

In the 1960's *PA25* came to grief when David and a friend were out fishing one night. A passing Scallop boat hooked their anchor, dragging the boat underwater, and tipping the occupants into the water. They were extremely lucky that their screams were heard by the Scallop boat crew who came to their aid.



The boat was in the water for some days, before being salvaged by a **Mr Ireland** (of the Florist family), who placed tractor tyre tubes under the boat. He inflated them which brought the boat to the surface.

The plan will be to remove all the filling compounds that have been added over the years, repair the hull, stem and keel where required, and fill the gaps with two-pack flexible epoxy.

The hull will be sanded, and then treated, undercoated, and top-coated. The paint finish above the water line will be in a varnish.

It will be great to see this beautiful boat brought back to its former glory.

If you would like to be part of the volunteer restoration group, please email **Ian Sekac** [i.sekac@bigpond.com](mailto:i.sekac@bigpond.com)

[ Pics: you can't beat the elegance of a clinker boat ]



## Good Friday Appeal.

The Club, through **Roland Nicholls**, has a tradition of collecting money for the Royal Children's Hospital. With his passing, we are keeping the spirit alive.

Last year we raised \$3,600. This year ... well, it's up to you.

Please **click on the link here**, and donate as much as you can.



## APYAC CALENDAR 2025.

**We are open every Saturday Night for dining unless listed below.**

**Saturday 29th March - Black Tie Affair - Venue closing at 4pm ticketed event**

Wednesday 2nd April - **General Meeting** 7 p.m.

Saturday 5th April - **Live Music Ian Banks**

Saturday 12th April - **Venue closed from 4 p.m.** - Private function.

Friday 18th April - **Club Closed** for Good Friday

Saturday 19th April - **Club Closed** for Easter

Sunday 20th April - **Club Closed** for Easter

Friday 25th April - **ANZAC DAY**

Sunday 4th May - **Greek Lunch Extravaganza**

Wednesday 7th May - **General Meeting** 7 p.m.

Saturday 10th May - **Live Music My Girl Friend Sheryl**

Saturday 24th May - **Live Music Jack Nicholls**

Wednesday 4th June - **General Meeting** 7 p.m.

Saturday 14th June - **Live Music Regular Boys**

Saturday 21st June - **Anglers Presentation Night**

*Note: Bands usually play from 7-9 p.m. Check the detailed listing as the event draws near.*

All events and bookings will be advertised in Tight Lines as they become available.

We are always seeking great people to help with these Volunteer run events email:  
Lee Spyrou President president @ apyac.org.au or apyacvolunteers @ gmail.com

## APYAC FISHING SEASON 2025 CALENDAR.

**Sunday April 13** - Final Charter for the year depending on numbers and weather.

**Sunday 25th May** - Official fishing season closes 12.00 noon & BBQ.

**Friday 6th June - Monday 9th June** - *Port Mac Tuna Weekend* TBC.

**Saturday 21st June** - Anglers Presentation Night

*Note: Beaconsfield Parade road closures may impact some events.*

## History.

History Group member and journalist **Grant Aldous** investigated the early APYAC Minute Books to come up with a number of interesting snippets for Tight Lines. Many thanks to Grant for all of his work.

Far from being a dry account of monies spent, and motions forwarded and passed, the Minute Books offer a rich vein of insights into how the Club became what it is today. We will be sharing some of the important (and also lighthearted) moments in our shared history in Tight Lines in the coming months.



### #16 Signs of the times.....

Snippets from the past

It is clear from the Minute Books that APYAC mariners have always been community minded; there are a number of mentions of members braving the elements to try to save others in danger.

**'Two members commended for taking their boat out in bad conditions to search for two members.'** (5 November 1958)

Film nights at the Club were a more complex matter than just turning on your phone:

**'Unilever to supply films, projector and operator for a picture night.'** (25 February 1959)

It's nice to see that Unilever has kicked on; I guess they don't do Film Nights anymore: **'At Unilever we meet everyday needs for nutrition, hygiene and personal care with brands that help people feel good, look good and get more out of life.'**

Finally, when was the last time you heard *'larrikin'* without *'loveable'* in front of it? The extraordinary thing about this piece from 65 years ago was that **Mr Masters** got his coat back!

**'Mr Masters reported his coat was stolen from under the pier by "larrikins". The coat was recovered.'** (9 March 1960.)

If you have any old club pictures or documents we'd love to get a copy of them.

Contact: **apyac.volunteers @ gmail.com**

Bill Ryan.

[ IMAGE: Thanks to the State Library Of Victoria.]



'Paul' is the diver we often see working in the shallow water to the west of the Club house. He uses a metal detector, and is obviously looking for riches. He recently found two old bottles which he presented to the Club.

## For sale.

**EQ675**

**SAVAGE FISHERMAN \$8,500**

Fresh two-pack paint to hull and deck.

Full length heavy stainless steel keel band & prop guard.

New lifting eyes, bow ring.

Re-wired with new fuel and exhaust hoses.

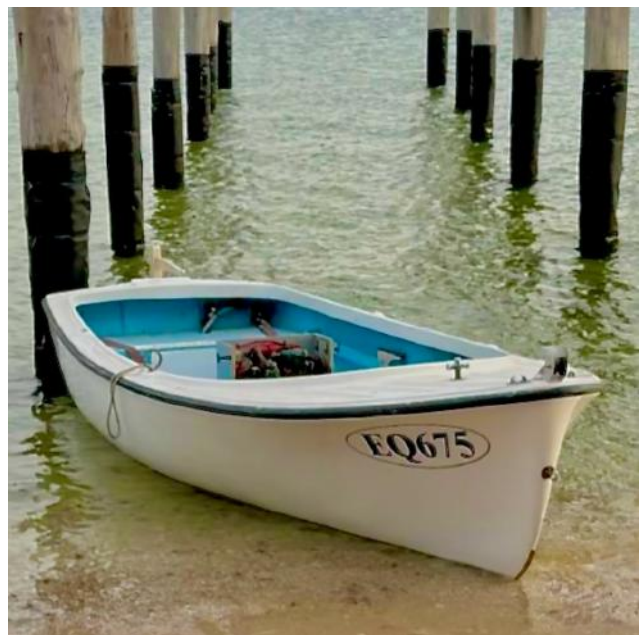
All in great working order.

Owned / work carried-out by a Shipwright.

Stern tube & shaft removed and overhauled.

Comes with spray dodger, oars, anchor, lifejackets.

Cradle, sundry extras. Call Michael on 0403 855 785 or [mwhurrell @ gmail.com](mailto:mwhurrell@gmail.com)



## Boat Hire

### Boat Hire Coordination

Admin has now taken on the task of coordinating boat hires. Please check our website for full instructions (Angling / Boat & Kayak Hire) or **by clicking here**.

To hire a boat, you must:

- Complete a boathouse, boat, or kayak induction.
- Hold a marine licence (for boat hire).

- Register as a hirer, and complete a risk waiver.
- Be 18 years or older.

Payments for boat hire can be made:

- At the bar during Club hours.
- Online with a credit card through our payment gateway.
- Using fob credit (ensure you have sufficient funds loaded).

For further information, please reach out to **Stuart Cousins**, our Boathouse Captain, at **captain @ apyac.org.au**.

Admin is assisting with the booking process only.

## Reminder to WaitListers

If you've recently submitted a joining application you are now on the Club's **Active Waiting List**.

Applicants on this list will be invited to join as members on a first-come, first-served basis, replacing resigned, or non-financial members in October / November each year.

As an Active Wait Lister, you will receive our regular newsletter, Tight Lines, keeping you updated with club news and events.

While waiting for membership, you are welcome to experience APYAC's ambience and cuisine. You, and up to three guests, are invited to book a table for one of the dining sessions listed below. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy our stunning Port Phillip views, meet members, ask questions, and get a feel for the club atmosphere.

**How to Book:** As this is a special booking, you cannot reserve a table through the Club website as usual. To book, please call the APYAC office at 03 9690 5530 during office hours (Tuesday - Friday, 10:30 am - 4:00 pm). Select Option 2 to speak with a member of the admin team and provide your name, preferred session, and the number of guests.



## Shellfish Reef Restoration.

If you are not up to speed with our involvement in this project, check out the **short video** by **clicking here**.

### The Bay Courier.

Has a great article about **Bob Pearce** in the latest edition, outlining how we became involved in restoring the shellfish reefs of Port Phillip, and what happened next.

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## VRFish.

VRFish is the peak body representing the voice of recreational fishers in Victoria.

*"When decisions are made that affect our fisheries we advocate for recreational fishing interests. We love fishing, just like you. Whether it's fish habitat, water security and quality, fishing access and infrastructure or best practice, we aim to work in partnership to make sure Victoria's fishing experiences continue to improve, be sustainable and more enjoyable for all Victorians."*

Check out the VRFish website by [clicking here](#).



## Merchandise.

Get yours now. Use your house levy:

**Jackets \$85**

**Vests \$75**

**Hoodies \$65**

**Golf Umbrella \$50.**

**Fishing Tops \$50**

**Polo Shirts \$50**

**Scarf \$20**

**Wine Glasses (pair) \$20**

**Neck warmer \$15**

**Cap \$30**

**Hats \$25**

**Pom Pom Beanie \$25**

**Postcards \$10 Eight cards and one stamp! (Buy for your Auntie!)**

**Stubby Holder \$10.**



## Tight Lines - Why so often?

The larger edition of Tight Lines appears at the end of the month to advise you of the next Club Meeting, and always on a Wednesday so you can plan your weekend.

The smaller edition, (which we call *Slack Lines* behind the scenes), usually appears in the second week of the month to advise changes, events, band Sundays, and the latest Menu Specials.

The clue is in the dateline at the top and bottom.

We have removed all email addresses, not because we don't want to hear from you, but it stops the bots that roam the internet from finding them to send spam email. Just click the contact links instead. For email addresses, just put them back together without any gaps. Tight Lines is edited by **James Nixon**.

## Club Opening Hours.

**TUE - FRI (OFFICE): 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Thursdays, Fridays.**

**Lunch 12 noon - 2:30 p.m.**

*Bar Snacks 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.*

*Thursday Happy Hours 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.*

**Dinner 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

*Bar Snacks 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.*

**Saturdays****Lunch 12 noon - 3:30 p.m.**

*Bar snacks to 4:30 p.m.*

*Saturday Happy Hour 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (except when closed early for functions).*

**Dinner 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

*If there are no bookings or demand, the venue will close at 7 p.m.*

*NOTE: If there is a function, we close at 3:30 p.m. sharp.*

**Sundays****Breakfast 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.****Lunch 12 noon - 3:30 p.m.**

*Bar Snacks 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

*We remain open later on Band Sundays, details during booking.*

## Wednesday 26th March - Tuesday 15th April 2025

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